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1. I SAW GENERAL JACOB THIS EVENING NOVEMBER 3 AND HAD BRIEF

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DISCUSSION WITH HIM ABOUT BANGLADESH (REPORTED BY SEPTTEL) BUT

HE WAS CHIEFLY VERY WORKED UP ABOUT THE CHINESE ("THOSE BASTARDS"). THERE WAS NO DOUBT, HE SAID, THAT THE CHINESE HAD DELIBERATELY SET UP AN AMBUSH FOR HIS MEN AND HAD AFTERWARDS JUST AS DELIBERATELY MURDERED THE FOUR THEY CAPTURED; THIS WAS PROVEN BY MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF THE BODIES. THEN THE CHINESE HAD TRIED TO COVER UP BY FIRING BULLETS THROUGH THE RIFLES OF THE FOUR DEAD MEN. JACOB SAID HE KNEW FROM THE ACCOUNT GIVEN BY THE TWO WHO ESCAPED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO FIRING BY THE INDIAN PATROL.

2. JACOB SAID THE PATROL WAS PART OF THE ASSAM RIFLES AND THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE IN THE TAWANG AREA (I SAID I HAD HEARD THAT IT WAS IN SIKKIM; NO, JACOB SAID, DEFINITELY NOT, IT WAS TAWANG). JACOB SAID HE STILL HAD NO IDEA WHY THE CHINESE HAD DONE THIS "BRUTAL ACT OF MURDER."

3. I ASKED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN NOW AND JACOB, BY THIS TIME HAVING DIFFICULTY IN CONTROLLING HIS ANGER, SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW BUT HE WOULD NOT FORGET WHAT HAD BEEN DONE TO HIS SOLDIERS AND WOULD FIND A TIME AND A PLACE TO SETTLE HIS ACCOUNT WITH THE CHINESE. HE ADDED QUICKLY THAT THIS WAS SOMETHING HE OBVIOUSLY DIDN'T WANT TO BE QUOTED ON.
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